MR. E. G. SALTER : Since the Transport Department is a commercial organisation communal representation is not insisted on.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN : May I inform the honourable member that I was not insisting on communal representation but only asking information *viz.*, the caste war statement of appointments in the Transport Department ?

MR. E. G. SALTER : Sir, the time and labour involved in furnishing the statement is not commensurate with public interests.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN : Then, may I know why it was not stated in the printed answer itself ?

MR. E. G. SALTER : I have no answer.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN : I rise to a point of order. The question asked here was to lay on the table a caste-war statement of the conductors and Inspectors of the Transport Department and the answer is that since the Transport Department is a commercial organisation, communal representation is not insisted on. That was not what I wanted, nor was it the purpose of the question.

PRESIDENT : Evidently the question stopped short of asking why certain communities were not adequately represented. The answer, as I suppose, was a little previous, as the Americans say. But the proper answer should have been and would be that the time and labour involved is out all proportion to its probable utility. I think that would have been a proper answer and such answers would be given in future.

MR. K. DOMINIC JOSEPH : What is the total number of employees in the Transport Department ?

MR. E. G. SALTER : I have not got the exact information Sir, but I can say that it is in the region of 750.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI : May I know whether there is a principle to appoint Conductors and Inspectors from those who were already in the line which has been taken up by Government ?

MR. E. G. SALTER : Yes, provided that their academic qualifications befitted them for the post.

MR. K. G. GOVINDAN : May I know the number of Conductors and Inspectors in the Department ?

MR. E. G. SALTER : I cannot give the exact information, but I think that the number of Conductors will be about 234 and that of the Inspectors will be 45. This is subject to confirmation.

Waiting shed in the State Transport Garage at Quilon.

228. * **MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether it has been brought to their notice that the waiting shed in the State Transport Garage at Quilon is not at all sufficient for the purpose for which it is intended ;

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[Mr. P. Kunjukrishnan.]

(*b*) if answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, whether any steps have been taken thereon ; and

(*c*) if not, why not ?

MR. E. G. SALTER: (*a*) No.

(*b*) & (*c*) These do not arise in view of the above answer.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether it was brought to the notice of the honourable member in this House at any time ?

MR. E. G SALTER: No, Sir.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: On a point of order. Sir, during the last budget session it was brought to the notice of the honourable member that the waiting shed at the Quilon garage is insufficient and that proper accommodation is not available. Now the honourable member says that it was not so.

MR. E. G. SALTER: The information that was brought to the notice of Government in that session was that the accommodation which was considered to be available for passengers was being usurped by the staff of the department ; and within 24 hours of that statement that practice was stopped. Since then there has been no further complaint.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether it was also not brought to the notice of the honourable member that sufficient accommodation was not available in the garage waiting shed ?

MR. E. G SALTER: No, Sir.

Recruitment from the Bar as Munsiffs and Judges.

229. ✻ **MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) the existing rule regarding the proportion of recruitment from the Bar to appointment from the department, in regard to appointment of Munsiffs and Judges ; and

(*b*) whether any change has been made in the rule or practice ?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) The member is referred to G. O. R. Dis. No. 1572 of 37/Judl. dated the 8th July 1937, on the subject, published at pages 1430 and 1431 of Part I of the Government Gazette dated the 13th July 1937/29th Mithunam 1112.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

MR. K. G. GOVINDAN: May I know whether the honourable member is prepared to give the ratio here now ?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, more than the information contained in the Gazette referred to in the answer it is not possible for me to supply at present. The G. O. itself states that until the existing qualified staff in the department is absorbed, the rule in regard to the proportion will not be insisted upon.

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